




Staff Report

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council 
From: Tanya Wilson-Sejour, Planning Manager, Community Planning & Development
Date: September 9, 2014
RE: **Execute Agreement between the City and HACDC**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND HAITIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (HACDC) FORMERLY KNOWN AS LITTLE HAITI HOUSING ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR THE ACQUISITION DEMOLITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) NEW TOWNHOUSES AT A COST OF SIXTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY SEVEN DOLLARS (\$61,197.00) FROM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS, TO HELP FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2012-2013 AND 2014 FISCAL YEAR ACTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Mayor and Council approve the attached Resolution, authorizing the City Manager and the City Attorney to negotiate and execute an Agreement with Haitian American Development Corporation (HACDC) formerly known as Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc. (LHHA) for the disbursement of HOME funds consistent with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) HOME Program allocation requirement.

OVERVIEW OF PURPOSE & INTENT

The City of North Miami, as the recipient of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, is required to set aside a minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the total HOME allocation for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs). Haitian American Development Corporation (HACDC) formerly known as Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc. (LHHA) has been the City's certified CHDO for the last eight years, and is a provider of affordable housing. As a result of the aforementioned federal requirement, the City of North Miami seeks to allocate \$ 61,197.00 to provide affordable housing to the community. HACDC proposes to use said City funds combined with other external funding sources towards

the acquisition, demolition and re-development of a single family property, located at 1535 NE 128 Street, to create four (4) new townhouse units within the City of North Miami.

CONCLUSION

Staff believes the HACDC is fully qualified as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) as required by 24CFR Part 92, possesses the skills, knowledge, qualifications and experience to provide the necessary services. Furthermore a continued partnership with HACDC satisfies the City's HOME funding obligation and ensures the provision of decent affordable housing to low-income and moderate-income persons within the City of North Miami. Additionally, HACDC has been re-certified with the City as a CHDO, consistent with HUD requirements. The Community Planning and Development Department is recommending that Sixty one thousand one hundred ninety seven (\$61,197) of the total award be allocated to HACDC

Attachment

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE VICE MAYOR AS ACTING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI AND THE LITTLE HAITI HOUSING ASSOCIATION, INC., D/B/A HAITIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEMOLITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (4) NEW TOWNHOUSES AT A COST OF SIXTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$61,197.00) FROM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS, TO HELP FINANCE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2012-2013 AND 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR ACTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Miami ("City") is the recipient of HOME Investment Partnerships Program Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"), for the execution and implementation of Housing Programs in the City pursuant to Title II of the Cranston Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, HOME Investment Partnership Act ("HOME"); and

WHEREAS, HOME requires a minimum of fifteen (15) percent of its annual allocation to be reserved for investment in housing to be developed or owned by Community Housing Development Organizations ("CHDOs"); and

WHEREAS, for the past eight (8) years, the Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc., d/b/a Haitian American Community Development Corporation ("HACDC"), has been a qualified CHDO and a provider of affordable housing throughout the area; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the HOME annual allocation requirement, the City has available an aggregate amount of Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$61,197.00) to provide affordable housing to the community; and

WHEREAS, City administration respectfully requests the authority to negotiate and execute an agreement with HACDC for the acquisition, demolition and development of four (4) new townhouses; and

WHEREAS, the Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor and City Council find the development of four (4) new townhomes, with funds allocated from HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds and dedicated to affordable housing in accordance with the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Action Plan, in the best interest of City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VICE MAYOR AS ACTING MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA:

Section 1. **Authority to Execute Agreement.** The Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, hereby authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute an agreement between the City of North Miami and the Little Haiti Housing Association, Inc., d/b/a Haitian American Community Development Corporation, for the acquisition, demolition and development of four (4) new townhouses at a cost of Sixty-One Thousand One Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$61,197.00) from HOME Investment Partnership Program Funds, to help finance affordable housing in accordance with the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Action Plan.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by a _____ vote of the Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida, this _____ day of September, 2014.

PHILIPPE BIEN-AIME
VICE MAYOR AS ACTING MAYOR

ATTEST:

MICHAEL A. ETIENNE, ESQ.
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

REGINE M. MONESTIME
CITY ATTORNEY

SPONSORED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

Vote:

Vice Mayor as Acting Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime
Councilperson Scott Galvin
Councilperson Carol Keys, Esq.
Councilperson Marie Erlande Steril

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| _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |
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| _____ (Yes) | _____ (No) |